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SUBJECT: OECD XCSS DISCUSSION OF SAFEGUARDS NOV 9

1. XCSS DISCUSSION OF SAFEGUARDS WAS BRIEF, MAINLY BECAUSE OF UNWILLINGNESS OF EC AND SOME OTHER DELS TO PROBE ISSUES IN DEPTH AT THIS STAGE. U.S. SPOKESMAN (AMB. EBERLE) EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE U.S. ATTACHED TO EFFECTIVE SAFEGUARD MECHANISM AS A MEANS FOR ASSISTING FURTHER SUBSTANTIAL TRADE LIBERALIZATION AND CALLED ON OTHER DELS TO CONTRIBUTE TO DIALOGUE IN EFFORT TO SORT OUT AND REFINE VIEWS ON MAJOR ISSUES. EC DEL (STAKHOVITCH) CONFINED HIMSELF TO REITERATING REMARKS MADE AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS BY HIJZEN (DAMN FEW) AND SUGGESTED THAT OECD WORK ON THIS SUBJECT HAD GONE FAR ENOUGH AND OUGHT TO BE SET ASIDE FOR TIME BEING. SEVERAL DELS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN AND RAISED QUESTIONS ABOUT TWO-TRACK SYSTEM, E.G. DESIRABILITY OF ALLOWING COUNTRY TO MOVE FROM ONE TRACK TO ANOTHER AND OF PERMITTING GROUPS OF CONTRIES TO HAVE DIFFERENT SAFEGUARD RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS DEPENDING UPON WHETHER OR NOT THEY WERE PARTIES TO NEW CODE. AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALND DELS EMPHASIZED AGAIN THAT ANY NEW SAFEGUARD SYSTEM ULTIMATELY AGREED TO SHOULD APPLY EQUALLY TO INDUSTRIAL AND AGRICULTURAL TRADE.

2. IN SUMMING UP CONCLUSIONS OF DISCUSSION, CHAIR IGNORED EC REQUEST FOR INDEFINITE DEFERRAL OF OECD WORK ON SAFEGUARDS. INSTEAD, HE STATED THAT XCSS A) NOTED WITH SATISFACTION USEFUL DISCUSSIONS AND DOCUMENTATION WHICH HAD EMERGED TO DATE FROM XCSS AND TRADE COMMITTEE, B) NOTED WITH AGREEMENT TC CONCLUSIONS FOR FURTHER WORK ON SAFEGUARDS, WITH EMPHASIS ON TC DIRECTIVE TO SECRETARIAT TO PREPARE SYSTEMATIC ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS AND ALTERNATIVE APPROACHES INVOLVED IN CONSIDERING SAFEGUARD MECHANISM AS WELL AS QUESTIONS RAISED BY VARIOUS OPTIONS (USOECD 27711), C) WOULD KEEP OPEN POSSIBILITY OF RESUMING DISCUSSION OF SAFEGUARD SYSTEM OR CERTAIN ASPECTS OF IT AT APPROPRIATE TIME. NO ONE OBJECTED TO THESE CONCLUSIONS.

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